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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: INFORMATION PROVIDING SYSTEM, PROGRAM, INFORMATION STORAGE
MEDIUM, AND USER INTERFACE SETTING METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the August 20, 2003 Office Action, reconsideration is requested based on the following remarks.

Claims 1-10 are pending. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,768,119 to Havekost et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest acquiring attribute information indicating attributes of a terminal device indicating a plurality of attributes and a priority being set for each attribute in the selection device selecting operation information based on that priority, as claimed in claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 4 and 8. ✓

Instead, Havekost et al. is directed to prioritization of display of alarm and event information which allows various users of the system to prioritize the alarm and event information that is displayed. Further, Havekost et al. allows the user to display particular events in hierarchical manner, as directed by the user. The user sets a desired alarm priority, selecting high importance alarms for more urgent display and annunciation and rendering a lower display status to less urgent events.

Further, in the process control environment in Figure 1C of Havekost et al., a process control solution is developed by created a software control solution at the engineering workstation 106. The control solution is then transferred to the operator workstation 102, lab workstation 104 and a controller/multiplexer 110 for execution. The operator workstation 102 and lab workstation 104 supply interface displays to the control strategy implemented in the multiplexer 110. Further, the workstations communicate to the one or more controllers to view the processes 112 and change control attribute values according to requirements of the design solution.

The alarm system of Havekost et al. is an indexed attribute where the index selects the Nth highest priority alarm in the consolidation. That is, the user sets a desired alarm priority by selecting the high importance alarms for urgent display and loads display status to less urgent events.

As such, the applied art does not disclose a selection device that selects, based on the acquired attribute information, operation information that is appropriate for the terminal device, from a plurality of types of operation information stored in a predetermined storage area; and the attribute information indicating a plurality of attributes, a priority being set for each attribute, and the selection device selecting the operation information on a basis of the priority, claimed in claim 1 and similarly claimed in claims 4 and 8. Havekost et al. does not disclose that the selection device selects the operation information on the basis of said

priority. Instead, Havekost et al. discloses that the alarm information is presented to a user and the user can best use that information in a manner directed by the user.

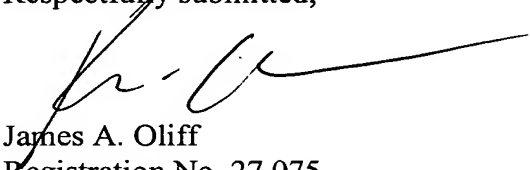
The claimed features discussed above, with respect to claims 1, 4 and 8, allow the selecting of the setting information on a basis of a priority which allows the providing of the setting information which is more appropriate for the attributes of the terminal device. The applied art does not disclose the above discussed features or the benefits thereof, and cannot support a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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